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ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Members of the Saint John Mechanics' Institute :

The year which has elapsed since the presentation by the President and Directors of their last Annual Report will ever be remembered by the people of Saint John, for within a single day of that brief period the better portion of the City was reduced to ashes. A reference to that terrible event, even in the opening paragraph of this Report, by the citizen managers of a Saint John Institution to their fellow citizens, cannot be considered as being out of place. But the Board is led to make such reference for other purposes than the expression of sorrow for a great misfortune, and of sympathy with the sufferers. The Mechanics' Institute was not destroyed on the twentieth of June, and it is certainly a source of satisfaction and a subject for congratulation that it still exists, one of the few visible and tangible mementos of the City as it was before that date. The building, which was erected almost forty years ago, is indeed unpretentious in appearance, but it is so closely connected with the history of the City, and with the lives of so many who have passed or are passing from amongst us, that its disappearance would certainly have been a source of sorrow. The Board at least feels assured that there are many among the older citizens who find it hard to feel at home among the unfamiliar fabrics which have supplanted those which have passed away forever, who will hereafter feel a greater interest in the Mechanics' Institute than they may perhaps have entertained before.

So far from being a loser the Institute has actually been a gainer by the fire. By reason of the destruction of other public buildings of a similar character, the Institute has for more than

nine months past obtained a large amount from the rental of the Hall; while the rental obtained from the Board of School Trustees for several apartments held by them has also materially assisted in increasing the revenues. The total receipts for the past fiscal year amount to \$4,328.10, being \$1,399.10 in excess of those of the like preceding period, which amounted to \$2,929.00. The improved condition of the revenues has enabled the Board, after defraying all current expenses, to reduce the previously existing indebtedness by the amount of \$589.09, of which sum \$319.20 was paid to the Building Society, and \$269.89 to the holder of a debenture, which has been redeemed.

The Board is also glad to refer to a decided increase in the roll of members, of whom there are now three hundred and eighty-seven on the ordinary list. At the last Annual Meeting two hundred and ninety-six members were reported, and at the previous meeting two hundred and forty-three.

Mr. John Boyd again becomes entitled to the gratitude of the members and of the Board for a gift of fifty dollars, which he has contributed for the purposes of the Library. The Board has great pleasure in publicly thanking the friendly giver, and hails this continued manifestation of the existence of an interest in public progress among our citizens which it is hoped will not subside.

Although no material additions have been made to the Library during the year, the Board has recently ordered the purchase of about one hundred new volumes, which have been selected and which will appear upon the shelves in a few days. There has also been a further instalment of thirty-three volumes of periodicals, during the past year, which have been strongly bound, and which, with those previously obtained, form an attractive portion of the books most freely borrowed by the members.

The Reviews and Periodicals which are received at the Reading Room, and which are presented for the use of the members, are—

All the Year Round,
Appleton's Journal,
Belgravia,

St. Nicholas Magazine,
Sunday Magazine,
Temple Bar,

Canadian Monthly,
 Cassels' "
 Chambers' Journal,
 Cornhill Magazine.
 Eclectic Magazine,
 Good Words, !
 The Leisure Hour,
 Lippincott's Magazine,
 London Society,
 MacMillan's Magazine,
 New Dominion Magazine,
 Popular Science,
 Scribner's Magazine,
 St. James' Magazine,
 Belford's Magazine,

Tinsley's Magazine,
 Once a Week,
 Records of the Year,
 American Journal of Science
 and Arts,
 Contemporary Review,
 Art Journal,
 Atlantic Monthly,
 Blackwood's Magazine,
 British Quarterly,
 Edinburgh Review;
 Harpers' Monthly Magazine,
 Popular Science Review,
 London Quarterly,
 Westminster Review.

The Reading Room has been much better attended than in previous years, and the Board feels great pleasure in noting this evidence of an increased interest in this well provided and important department.

The present condition of the Museum deserves very serious consideration. Nothing has been expended on this department for many years, and, owing to the want of a scientific curator, and the progressive changes which have taken place in scientific methods of arrangement, the Museum has gradually fallen away from the position which it once occupied. In its present state it neither systematically represents the economical or other natural productions of the Province, nor illustrates any of the scientific departments in such a manner as to render it at all available for purposes of education. In order to render the Museum something more than a collection of unclassified incongruous curiosities, it is absolutely necessary that some effort should be made to arrange its contents upon modern scientific principles. This of necessity would involve expense, but it is conceived that the project deserves more than common attention from the incoming Board.

In order to meet the requirements of persons renting the Hall it has been considered necessary to make a material alteration in

its arrangement. By this change the organ, which at the same time will be put in good repair, will be placed in a recess, formed for the purpose, in rear of its present position. This work, which will involve an estimated expenditure of \$620.00 will add greatly to the available area of the platform, and will otherwise improve the hall.

The regular Course of Lectures. which was well attended, was opened by the Boston English Opera Company, and consisted of the following:—

	NAME.	SUBJECT.
1877.		
Nov. 26.	Boston English Opera Company,	"Maritana."
Dec. 9.	Rev. James Bennet, D. D.,	"Patriotism & Philanthropy."
" 10.	S. W. Hatheway, Esq.,	"The Real Lilliput."
" 17.	Rev. John Wills, A. M.,	"An Evening with Tom Hood."
1878.		
Jan. 7.	Samuel Hoyt, Esq., Newburyport, Mass.,	"An American View of Aristocracy."
" 14.	Rev. William Mitchell, A. M.,	"Practical Maxims of Every Day Life."
" 21.	James Hannay, Esq.,	"Anglo-Saxon Civilization."
" 28.	H. F. Starbuck, C. E.,	"Architecture."
Feb. 4.	George Stewart, Jun., Esq.,	"Emerson the Thinker."
" 11.	Rev. Cyrus Hamlin, D. D.,	"The Eastern Question."
" 18.	G. B. Croft, Esq., C. E.,	"Imagination."
" 25.	John Boyd, Esq.,	"Extra Luggage."

The President and Directors conclude this Report with the expression of their earnest hope that continued prosperity may attend the progress of the Institute in the various branches of its work.

Dated the 4th day of April, A. D. 1878.

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Allwood, William
Anderson, James
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Butt, W. F.
Breeze, Dudne
Bent, Gilbert
Barbour, Moses C.
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Barbour, George L.
Barber, James
Bennett, Dr. John
Bowes, A. G.
Blake, George
Boddie, Henry G.
Barker, T. Fred.
Barber, Keith A.
Burdett, W. F.
Bond, James

Blain, A.
 Boyer, Robert R.
 Burnham, C. E.
 Crookshank, Robert W.
 Clinch, Robert T.
 Christie, Alexander
 Campbell, Thomas
 Christie, Dr. James
 Crothers, Samuel
 Carritte, Dr. T. W.
 Clark, George H.
 Cowan, John
 Colwell, Dr. George
 Chandler, Charles H.
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 Cruikshank, Robert
 Court, William
 Cameron, James R.
 Corbitt, John
 Chisholm, D. P.
 Crawford, William K.
 Causey, William
 Christie, J. J.
 Clark, Goodhand
 Cushing, Andrè
 Caird, Charles
 Connolly, James
 Cooper, J. F.
 Causley, Lewis
 Chisholm, Peter
 Crookshank, T. Otty
 Corbett, Donald
 Daniel, Thomas W.
 Dole, W. P.
 Dawson, David C.
 Dudley, William W.
 DeForest, George S.
 Domville, James
 Dodds, Andrew
 Davidson, W. J.
 Dunham, D. E.
 DeVeber, J. S. Boies
 Dunn, James L.
 Drury, John
 Denham, Thomas D.
 Dunlop, James K.
 Dunn, E. F.
 Demill, A. H.

DeBury, Robert
 Dobson, Thos. H.
 DeVeber, Richard
 Dunn, R. C. J.
 Dealey, Paul K.
 Denniston, Joseph A.
 Everett, William E.
 Ewing, William
 Everett, Charles A.
 Elder, William
 Everett, Edwin J.
 Everett, George F.
 Ewing, Robert
 Earle, S. Z., M. D.
 Emery, William
 Estey, T. Winslow
 Emerson, Robert B.
 Fairweather, Chas. H.
 Fisher, Edwin
 Fisher, George S.
 Flood, Carson
 Fleming, James
 Figgures, J. F.
 Fairweather, Edwin
 Fraser, John
 Fleming, Charles
 Flaherty, Robert
 Flood, John
 Frost, Edwin
 Firth, Mrs. W. M. B.
 Gilmour, Andrew
 Gilmour, Thomas
 Gerow, George W.
 Gerow, James
 Golding, Robert
 Graham, Mrs. H.
 Godsoe, Amos
 Grant, J. McGregor
 Gale, E. W.
 Hutchinson, George, Jr.
 Hegan, John
 Harris, James
 Hanford, Thomas
 Hunter, Robert
 Hall, Thomas H.
 Hay, Charles H.
 Horton, Henry
 Hannay, James

Hamm, J. B.
 Hazen, William
 Hale, John S.
 Hanington, J. P.
 Hanington, Thomas B.
 Hocken, John
 Howe, John
 Horn, William H.
 Hawes, Israel B.
 Hatheway, Warren F.
 Hayward, Samuel
 Hoyt, Ernest
 Hay, Thomas L.
 Humphreys, Robert B.
 Hatfield, John W.
 Jardine, Alexander
 Jordan, Samuel G.
 Jones, Hon. Thomas R.
 Jordan, William W.
 Jordan, Francis
 Jack, I. Allan
 Jack, Henry
 Jones, C. E.
 Johnston, J. J.
 Jordon, J. G.
 Kinnear, John H.
 Kinnear, Charles F.
 King, Hon. George E.
 Kain, Francis
 Knox, James
 Knodell, George A.
 Kee, William
 Kerr, H. L.
 Kirk, James T.
 Knollin, George T.
 Longmaid, Richard M.
 Lawrence, George H.
 Lawton, W. G.
 Logan, William
 Lloyd, John F.
 Logan, James
 Lindsay, Matthew
 Law, Alexander
 Lawrence, B. R.
 Lovett, A. W.
 Lockhart, Edward E.
 Lynn, Thomas H.
 Likely, Thomas

Lordly, A. J.
 Lawrence, G. C.
 Lewis, William
 Lowe, Charles E.
 Logan, William J.
 Livingston, W. H.
 Lardry, J. I. D.
 Lee, Robert
 Lake, James H.
 Lee, G. Herbert
 Magee, John
 Murdoch, Gilbert
 Merritt, T. Gray
 Murray, Christopher
 Mahoney, James
 Milligan, James
 Marvin, W. S.
 Moor, W. A.
 Matthews, S. F.
 Maher, M. W.
 Masters, George
 Maxwell, Mrs. John
 Marshall, Robert
 Mullin, Mrs. James A.
 Malvin, Amos
 Marshall, John R.
 May, George
 Moore, Edward R.
 Murdoch, John
 Milligan, Robert
 Matthew, George F.
 Moulson, James
 Murdoch, William, jr.
 Mott, James A. S.
 Moran, James H.
 Morrison, John M. B.
 Morrison, William S.
 Melick, John
 Mitchell, Rev. Wm.
 Majilton, Joseph A.
 Magee, W. C.
 Merritt, W. H.
 Melvin, Robert I.
 Miles, John C.
 McRae, Rev. Mr.
 McMillan, John
 McGivern, Richard P.
 McKenzie, W. R.

McLeod, Ezekiel
 McMonagle, H. C.
 McKenzie, D. G.
 McNamara, J. T.
 McAvity, Thomas
 McClelland, Thomas
 McDonald, Mont.
 McIntyre, Robert
 McLean, Archibald
 McLaughlin, John
 McAlpine, E. H.
 McNaughton, Robert
 McLellan, Thomas
 McAlister, John
 McIntyre, Daniel
 McArthur, R. D.
 McGirr, Samuel
 McAfee, Joseph
 McFee, William
 McLaughlin, D. J.
 McLellan, D.
 Nowlin, George V.
 Nicholson, John W.
 Olive, William H., jr.
 Powers, Mark N.
 Purdy, Mrs. John D.
 Peters, B. Lester
 Peters, William
 Palmer, A. L.
 Pugsley, G. R.
 Price, James A.
 Peacock, George B.
 Patterson, W. H.
 Parks, John H.
 Perkins, E. L.
 Peiler, Ernst
 Parks, Mrs. Thomas
 Parks, William J.
 Powers, Calvin
 Peters, Charles H.
 Pitfield, Frank
 Prince, W. L.
 Pender, James
 Reed, Thomas M.
 Rankine, Thomas A.
 Rankine, Alexander
 Ring, Zebedee
 Robertson, William A.

Robertson, Norman
 Rankine, John
 Richardson, I. T., jr.
 Reed, Thomas
 Rannie, William
 Robinson, Thomas
 Rowan, E. Q.
 Robertson, Mrs. Henry
 Robertson, George
 Robinson, T. W.
 Rutherford, Samuel
 Ritchie, James
 Reed, James
 Robinson, T. M.
 Roberts, Henry W.
 Reading, Walter
 Rankine, Henry
 Raymond, Thomas F.
 Richardson, Franklin A.
 Ritchie, R. J.
 Reynolds, James
 Schurman, David J.
 Seeds, Mrs. Samuel
 Scovil, Rev. William
 Seely, Richard
 Stewart, Luke
 Sayer, John E.
 Stephens, F. T.
 Stockton, A. A.
 Stevens, S. E.
 Seely, D. J.
 Sharp, John
 Sharp, R. G.
 Sturdee, H. L.
 Stodhart, Thomas
 Starr, R. P.
 Shaw, A. N.
 Sparrow, Cornelius
 Sheraton, Robert
 Smith, G. Sidney
 Sprague, Rev. Howard
 Stewart, Henry
 Smith, William M.
 Seely, W. L. T.
 Short, John D.
 Shaw, James
 Stead, Matthew
 Smith, Robert F.

Stockton, A. A.
 Stevens, R. L.
 Stephenson, Edward
 Starbuck, Henry F.
 Stratton, James
 Steven, Robert
 Simpson, David
 Smalley, A. B.
 Steeves, Dr. J. T.
 Stone, O. T.
 Stead, Matthew, Jr.
 Scammell, J. Walter
 Stevens, W. J.
 Sears, John
 Simonson, G. T.
 Thomas, George
 Trueman, Charles D.
 Thomas, James U.
 Troop, O. V.
 Turnbull, Charles G.
 Theall, Miss
 Tippet, A. T.
 Tufts, Frank
 Thorn, W. H.
 Troop, Howard D.
 Thomas, Capt. Henry
 Trueman, A. J.
 Tapley, Archibald
 Tapley, John

Venning, John A.
 Vassie, John
 Vradenburgh, —
 Woodworth, J. L.
 Whitney, George W.
 Weston, Samuel
 Waters, Rev. Dr. D.
 Ward, Charles
 White, Gilbert
 White, James E.
 Willis, Edward
 Wedderburn, William
 Willett, David
 Willis, S. K.
 Wetmore, N.
 Whittaker, Wm. C.
 Woodrow, James
 Willett, John
 White, Samuel
 Woodburn, J. R.
 Warwick, O. H.
 Williams, John
 Waterbury, William
 Wetmore, James E.
 Wilson, Alexander
 Watson, A. A.
 Wetmore, O. D.
 White, John
 Yeats, John

Abstract of Receipts and Expenses.

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1878.

Light and Fuel.....	\$532 93
Salaries,	546 25
Funded Debt.....	759 16
Interest on Bonds.....	101 89
Lectures.....	1,085 70
Reading Room.....	166 29
Building and Ground Rent.....	463 45
Insurance.....	328 00
Library.....	123 16
Hall and Organ.....	9 01
Incidental.....	254 95
Cash on hand 31st March, 1878.....	41 98
	<u>\$4,412 77</u>

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1878.

Rents.....	\$2,570 10
Members' Certificates.....	98 00
“ Tickets.....	1,555 00
Donations.....	100 00
Papers Sold.....	5 00
Cash on hand 5th April, 1877.....	84 67
	<u>\$4,412 77</u>

Abstract of Liabilities and Assets of the Mechanics' Institute, 31st March, 1878.

ASSETS.

Building and Furniture.....	\$18,000 00
Museum.....	3,650 00
Apparatus and Diagrams.....	800 00
Library.....	3,000 00
Organ,	2,000 00
	<u>\$27,450 00</u>

LIABILITIES.

Debentures.....	\$340 00
Building Society.....	950 00
Sundry Liabilities.....	109 43
Balance.....	27,240 57
	<u>\$25,750 57</u>